

Recruit Review



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Accountability
Integrity
Respect
Teamwork
Professionalism

Teamwork Through It All

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Recruit Brann tries to show off his new blasting caps to Recruit Henning, who is more interested in his new pipe bomb. (Christmas must have come early this year.)



Three recruits take a nice relaxing break during our block of Domestic Abuse training. Triangle push-ups sure do relax the mind.

**"Do not dwell
in the past, do
not dream of
the future, con-
centrate the
mind on the
present mo-
ment."
-Buddha**

Another high contact week of Police Corps Arrest and Control Techniques leaves us ready for more.



Community Oriented Policing



By: Shawn Powell

This last weekend the recruit class of 2002 had two days of COP training. These two days were just a bit different; the recruits went to the cities of Sparta and La Crosse, WI. On Sunday they spent the first part of the day in Sparta looking at different types of neighborhoods, and took notes of what they had seen in the area to project what type of crime might go on in that

area. The point was to identify the possible problems and how we, as police officers, would deal with that problem. We got the chance to talk to a Sparta police officer and received his ideas on what we noted. The second half of the day was spent in La Crosse. The recruits visited the campus and the low income housing area. The biggest impact of what we had seen was in the low income was that there was a retired man that was in charge of that communities activities. He basically acted as a volunteer police officer but without the power of one. It was different because the people knew that he could not sanction them directly without police, but listened to what he had to say. It seemed as though the people had a great amount of respect for this man and would not want to lose that.

The recruits learned that each

person has their own ways of dealing with problems and it doesn't always have to be a use of force. The community coordinator in the low housing area showed the recruits how important it is to have the community involved with the police to work together as a team to reduce crime.



Domestic Abuse



By: Matt Spence

On Tuesday, September 24, 2002 Sergeant Anibas began the first part of her twenty-hour lecture on domestic abuse. We began our day by outlining the prevalence of this crime in society and our role in responding to calls of domestic disturbance. The trends that we developed were not shocking, most of the offenses that were

reported were by female victims committed by male offenders. We discussed the leading theories as to why victims do not wish to seek help or take so long to notify the police for assistance.

In discussing Wisconsin statute 968.075 - *Domestic abuse incidents; arrest and prosecution* we discussed the elements of the crime and how domestic abuse can be added on to other offenses and used as a penalty enhancer for the charge that they are arrested for. We learned exactly what must occur and the exact relationship that the person needs to hold in order for this statute to be applicable and an arrest to be mandated.

Expanding further upon the basic elements of the crime we learned how to talk to domestic abuse victims and the appropriate questions to ask.

We found that one of the common errors was to ask questions that focused the blame or the responsibility for the incident on the victim rather than focusing the blame associated questions away from to victim and towards the person actually responsible for the crime, the offender.

Domestic abuse is one of the more prevalent incidences that we will respond to in our career. It is imperative that we have an understanding of the elements of the crime and how to charge the crime to the offenders. It is even more important that we know the cycle of abuse and how to communicate with victims. Knowing the psychology of an abusive relationship will aid us in our investigation when we are required to respond to these criminal activities.

Ordinance and Firearm Crimes Identification



By: Jason Ondricka

On Thursday of this week, Special Agent Chris Forkner from the Milwaukee ATF Field office came in and spoke with our class about the role that the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms plays in law enforcement. Our main focus of the class was on the “F” in ATF... Firearms. Firearms include all long guns, short guns, and explo-

sives. The ATF’s firearms law enforcement mission is to curb the illegal traffic in and criminal use of firearms, and to assist federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in reducing crime and violence. Our job as police officers is to enforce firearm regulations, recognize & identify illegal weapons, trace them, and report it to the ATF agency in our area. The ATF’s then have the capabilities of criminal investigation, using undercover officers, using a laboratory and firearms technology, as well as regulatory & inspection capabilities. The other portion of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms, which we discussed, was basic explosives and our role as first responders. Each year, law enforcement is involved in over 2000 explosive related incidents. Unfortunately, the numbers are increasing due to the

fact that the ingredients are readily accessible on the Internet, and young people are experimenting with explosives, even bringing them to schools. When concerning bomb threats vs. actual bombings, the statistics show that over 99% of all bomb threats are not followed by an actual bombing, but over 99% of all bombings occurred without a threat being received first. For police officers, this can pose a major problem. When we encounter something we might suspect to be a bomb, our main job is to remain safe by protecting ourselves and others in the area, and notifying the nearest bomb squad as well as ATF agency. They then have the equipment to render the scene safe and safely detonate any bombs. And as a final note, one should always remember if you see a bomb squad member running...try to keep up with them.

Week In Review



By: Bill McCormick

This week started off with a field trip to Sparta and La Crosse on Sunday for Community Oriented Policing. We visited neighborhoods in each city and viewed social order problems in each environment. We also were able to talk to a police officer from each community and community

members from each city. We also discussed more ways of interacting with our communities to organize problem-solving strategies. We also had two days of training on Domestic Abuse. We were trained on how to respond to domestic calls, how to identify them, and how to make the correct actions at the calls. We finished up the week with a day of training with an agent from the ATF on handgun identification and explosives. We learned key identifiers for handguns as well as terminology. We also viewed different types of bombs and ways explosives are commonly detonated. We are looking forward to finishing up the week with rappelling and teambuilding. Next week we will be having training on Crimes Against People,

Terrorism First Response, and Crash Investigation. We are looking forward to testing our crash investigation skills as well as sparring in the ring during boxing. One more week down, six to go.

